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See the enclosed Supplemental Examiner's Amendment.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. A supplemental examiner's amendment appears below.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a communication from Applicant dated October 16, 2001 (Paper No. 30).
3. A copy of the issue fee transmittal form that accompanied Paper No. 30 indicates that the issue fee was paid on October 19, 2001.
4. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification

Page 1, immediately below the title, the preliminary amendment submitted on September 30, 1997 (Paper No. 2) has been amended to make the following change:

In the first sentence, immediately after "February 9, 1996", the phrase --now

US 5,975,878, issued November 2, 1998 -- has been inserted.

Remarks

Via this supplemental Examiner's Amendment, the issue date of the patent which was granted from application SN. 08/599,045 (US 5,975,878) has been entered.

"US 5,975,878" had been inserted by an informally by the examiner on July 21, 2001. Nonetheless, this amendment inserts the issue date of US 5,975,878 and makes it clear that both patent number and its date are to be recited in the first paragraph of the specification.

In addition, the Examiner has annotated both the bibliographic sheet and the face of the application file, so that all of the priority information referred to in Paper No. 30 is now shown

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there. The Examiner has checked all US priority application files and has found that the British priority document was submitted in the file of SN. 07/734,678 on November 18, 1991 (Paper No. 2). The PCT priority document was received in the file of SN. 07/734,678 on November 13, 1991.

The Examiner has made every effort to insure that all pertinent domestic and foreign priority documents will be recited in the specification and on the face of the patent that will issue from this case.

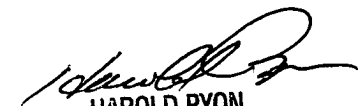
***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sandra M. Nolan, whose telephone number is (703) 308-9545. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 6:30 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon, can be reached on (703) 308-4251. The fax phone number for the art unit is (703) 305-5408. The telephone number for the receptionist is (703) 308-0661.



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